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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Charter Holders, Principals, and Testing Coordinators

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DATE: May 10, 2004

SUBJECT: Notification of Comprehensive Timelines for Data Collection and Reporting for AZ LEARNS and NCLB
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Reporting Dates

With the passage of state and federal legislation requiring the Arizona Department of Education to report assessment results as well as school accountability decisions, Research and Evaluation has developed a comprehensive timeline for assessment and accountability reporting. **All data will be embargoed until the public release dates provided below; these data are embargoed to allow schools to verify and update all data required for accountability calculations and to ensure the accuracy of all assessment results released to the public. In order to provide consistent information to the public, schools and districts are required to adhere to the embargo policy provided by the ADE.** The ADE will release data to schools and districts on the dates provided below.

Embargoed data release to districts/schools		Public data release	
AIMS- Category 1 & 2 calculations; Data available for download via the ADE Common Logon	July 28, 2004	AIMS- Category 1& 2 calculations; Report Wizard updated	September 1, 2004
SAT 9- Category 1 & 2 calculations; Data available for download via the ADE Common Logon	August 16, 2004	SAT 9- Category 1& 2 calculations	September 1, 2004
Adequate Yearly Progress- All schools and districts (Preliminary determination)	August 2, 2004	Adequate Yearly Progress- All schools and districts (Final determination)	September 1, 2004
Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)- school and district calculations	September 9, 2004	Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)- school and district calculations	September 20, 2004
AZ LEARNS Achievement Profiles (Preliminary determination)	September 15, 2004	AZ LEARNS Achievement Profiles (Final determination)	October 15, 2004

Public release	Date
Adequate Yearly Progress- State results	September 7, 2004
School Report Cards	November 22, 2004
District and State Report Cards	December 1, 2004

Data Collection/Application Dates

With the passage of state and federal legislation requiring the Arizona Department of Education to calculate school, district and state accountability decisions, Research and Evaluation has developed a comprehensive timeline for data collection and supporting application deadlines.

These deadlines will be strictly adhered to in order to meet extremely stringent reporting timelines.

Please be aware that A.R.S. § 15-241(b) states that “Each school shall submit to the department any data that is required and requested and is necessary to compile an achievement profile. A school that fails to submit the information that is necessary is not eligible to receive monies from the classroom site fund established by § 15-977.”

Additionally, the Arizona Department of Education has developed policy regarding competitive federal grant awards to LEAs that are out of compliance with state and/or federal regulations. The Arizona Department of Education will not consider eligible for grant awards any applicant, organization or entity who is out of compliance with applicable federal or state law, regulation, department rule, policy, state plan or the provisions of any grant application.

Failure to submit the following data or adhere to Research and Evaluation timelines may result in the withholding of classroom site fund monies as indicated in A.R.S. § 15-241 and/or make the LEA ineligible for competitive federal grants.

Data Collection or Application	Opening Date	Closing Date
Graduation Rate Application	April 15, 2004	July 9, 2004
Year End Enrollment Application	April 15, 2004	July 16, 2004
<i>AZ LEARNS/AYP Data Verification-AIMS SAIS student level demographic data to be cleaned for AYP calculations</i>	<i>May 10, 2004</i>	<i>July 7, 2004</i>
School Report Card Application	May 10, 2004	September 3, 2004
Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Statistical and Substantive Appeals- School and District	August 2, 2004	August 10, 2004
SAT 9 Data Verification and Cleaning (Category 1& 2 and MAP calculations)	August 16, 2004	August 30, 2004
AZ LEARNS Statistical and Substantive Appeals	September 15, 2004	September 30, 2004
USDOE Graduate Survey	April 15, 2004	November 15, 2004

I appreciate your attention to these upcoming calendar events as well as your ongoing cooperation. Research and Evaluation will be providing you more detailed information, directions for completing applications as well as reminders regarding each of the events outline in this memo as they approach. Please be sure to share this information with district and school staff as necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Research and Evaluation at 602-542-5151 or email achieve@ade.az.gov.